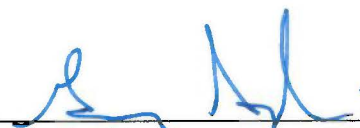
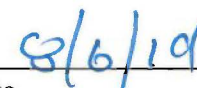


FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT5-14. Administrative Enforcement: Issuance of Complaints and Signing of Consent Agreements

1. **AUTHORITY.** Pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, to issue written notices of warning; to issue complaints; to evaluate the appropriateness of civil penalties; and to negotiate and sign consent agreements memorializing settlements between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and respondents.
2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
 - a. Any official exercising this authority must consult with the assistant administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance or designee in cases of national significance before exercising any of the above authorities, except for the issuance of warning letters.
 - b. Any official exercising this authority must obtain the advance concurrence of the regional counsel or designee on the legal sufficiency of complaints, consent agreements, and warning letters.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. These authorities may be redelegated to the unit chief level, or equivalent, and no further, except that the authority to negotiate consent agreements may be redelegated to the staff level (including any EPA attorney).
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.** Sections 9(c) and 14 of FIFRA.



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Date